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# U.S.S.R. LASHES 'UNFRIENDLY' ACT BY CANADA

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Radio Moscow said tonight that Vice-Foreign Commissar S. A. Lozovsky had handed to the Canadian diplomatic representative in Moscow a Soviet statement charging that Canadian government espionage charges were planned to "do harm to Soviet interests." Canada's attitude in the matter was an "unfriendly act" and "incompatible with normal relations," the statement said.

Moscow radio said that Col. Nicolai Zabotin, Soviet military attache in Ottawa, had been recalled because some members of his staff were involved.

The Soviet statement, angry in tone throughout, charged that there was an "unbridled" anti-Soviet campaign in the Canadian press and on the Canadian radio and that the Canadian government encouraged the campaign.

Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King was specifically mentioned in the charge.

"In the last period of the war single members of the staff of the Soviet military attache in Canada received . . . certain information of a secret character" from Canadian citizens, Moscow said in its broadcast recorded here.

"This information was not required by Soviet organs, as higher

and more technical achievements had been obtained . . . in printed publications on radio location and similar matters as well as in the well-known American publication 'Atomic Energy,'" Moscow continued.

"In view of this it would be ludicrous to assert that the transmission of data of little significance could constitute any sort of threat to the security of Canada."

"In spite of this as soon as the Soviet government learned of the activities of the above-mentioned members of the staff of the Soviet military attache in Canada, the attache was immediately recalled in conjunction with the activities of some members of his staff."

"On the other hand, one must keep in mind that the Soviet envoy in Canada and other members of the Soviet embassy staff had no relations whatsoever with these happenings."

The Soviet statement said that when Prime Minister Mackenzie King issued on Feb. 15 a statement on leakage of secret information, a copy was handed to Soviet Charge d'Affaires Nikolai Belokhvostikov.

It was said in the charge, the Soviet statement asserted, that mention of collaborators of a foreign mission mentioned in the statement applied to the staff of the Soviet embassy in Ottawa.

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# Council Hits Dewey Hogging of Funds

The New York City Council yesterday unanimously demanded that Gov. Thomas Dewey and the State Legislature turn over a greater share of the taxes the State takes from the city, in order to mend and increase the city's seriously depleted services.

The Council's resolution condemned Dewey's practice of accumulating a surplus of \$500,000,000 in the state treasury at the expense of the city's health, police, fire, and educational needs.

## Democrats See J. Steel Vote As a Warning

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, Feb. 21.—Most Democratic legislators queried here on the results of Tuesday's 19th Congressional District by-election interpreted them as a warning to party leaders to quit running "hacks" for political office.

Although they placed different interpretations upon the figures, all legislators, regardless of party, were visibly impressed by the ALP showing. Several had earlier predicted that Arthur Klein, the Democratic nominee, would win in a landslide.

No Democrat wanted to be quoted directly, though all spoke freely, and some vehemently.

ALP Assemblyman Leo Isaacson called the results a "heartening augury for increased pro-labor and progressive representation in the State Legislature next year."

Republicans, who universally were relieved that Klein had beaten Johannes Steel, the ALP nominee, professed to see in the results a sign that the ALP would "go it alone" in the future. The wish here was distinctly father to the thought.

One leading figure in the GOP Administration said the race "was too close for comfort" and explained the low GOP vote by the fact that "a lot of Republicans voted for Klein."

The prevailing Democratic view was summed up by one of the more progressive Democrats in this way:

"I hope it shakes up the organization so that we can begin to fight for the things we're supposed to stand for. Maybe they won't be ready to put up party hacks from now on."

He said he was happy over the results because it "strengthened the position of the liberals" in the Democratic Party.

A few Democrats tended to rationalize the vote by pointing out that only a single election was involved and hence labor could throw in all its forces. The notion some of them had of the money and energy thrown into the ALP campaign was also exaggerated. If it had corresponded to the facts, Steel would have won hands down.

The fear among Democratic machine leaders of the ALP was demonstrated in debate yesterday over a minor election bill pushing primaries in presidential years ahead from August to June.

"You Republicans don't know

The State now receives \$430,000,000 in taxes from the city to which it returns \$137,000,000. The balance is used for upstate communities and the surplus fund.

The city's tax burden covers 64 percent of the state's entire revenue.

The Council asked that New York City get back 50 percent, or \$215,000,000, of the state's take from the city.

The resolution, which was regarded as a substitute for Mayor O'Dwyer's recent proposal to levy \$142,000,000 in new local taxes, warned of the disastrous consequences that might arise from the "frightening condition" in which the city now finds itself.

### CACCHIONE STATEMENT

In approving the resolution, Communist Councilman Peter V. Cacchione pointed out that Dewey was using his surplus to "mend political fences" at the expense of the city.

He criticized the Moore Commission proposals for correction of state-city fiscal relations as woefully inadequate and "a fraud." Under the Moore proposal the state will return to the municipalities \$6.75 per capita, to towns \$3.55 per capita, and \$3 to townships, he said. He pointed out that while towns and townships operate with limited forces, the city needs closer to \$15 per capita for adequate services.

He called upon the Council to educate the people of the city and state as to the tax situation. He derided the use of \$300,000,000 from the surplus fund to build a super highway which would not serve the bulk of the people of the state or city.

"The people of New York City are paying plenty already," said Cacchione. "Low income groups are getting no alleviation to speak of in taxes. They are faced with increased living costs."

Republican spokesmen Genevieve B. Earle and Stanley M. Isaacs, while voting for the resolution, expressed dissatisfaction with the sharpness of the text. Isaacs maintained that action by the Council could avail little. Both praised the Moore proposals, and felt it was "undignified" to blame the Governor for the city's financial situation.

what you're doing." Assembly Democratic leader Irwin Siegelman shouted, "You're giving ambitious energetic independents two more months to ring doorbells. They will have June, July, August, September and October to visit every voter in the district."

He cast a Democratic Party vote in the negative.

## Faces Trial for Singapore RAF Strike

SINGAPORE, Feb. 20 (UP).—Aircraftsman Norris Cymbalist, Inverness, Scotland, will go on trial Monday before a court martial on a charge of "inciting mutiny" in connection with the redeployment strike of Royal Air Force enlisted men here last Monday, authorities disclosed today.

Maximum penalty for conviction is death.

Cymbalist was arrested Jan. 27 at Kellang Airport after the strikers elected him chairman of a group picked to speed their redeployment and demobilization.

## USSR Socializes Rest of Sakhalin

MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Soviet government today decreed complete nationalization of industries, banks, natural resources and utilities in Southern Sakhalin Island, formerly under Japanese domination.

# Western Union Reneges On Arbitration Pact

The Western Union Co. has reneged on the arbitration agreement which settled the 34-day strike of its 7,500 New York employees Feb. 10, Joseph Selly, president of the CIO American Communications Association, said yesterday. The

company, seeking disqualification of Abraham L. Pomerantz, arbitrator named by Supreme Court Justice Aaron Levy, obtained a Supreme Court stay of arbitration proceedings Monday, Selly said.

A hearing on the order is returnable at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) before Justice William C. Hecht.

Company objections to Pomerantz, accepted by the wire monopoly in a signed stipulation, are based on the fact that he is a member of the American Labor Party in New Rochelle, N. Y., was its candidate for Supreme Court in the last elections and made several pro-labor speeches, papers served on the union reveal.

Pomerantz has been a corporation attorney for 25 years.

The union has called an emergency meeting for next Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the grand ballroom of the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn.

He declined to speculate on whether a new strike would be called.

"It's too much to expect that members of the union who returned to work because of a written agreement will sit idly by and permit the company to get away with murder," he asserted.

"I don't care at this time to predict the actions which may be authorized at the meeting next Tuesday night."

"None of the strike committees has been disbanded and all are ready to function when, as and if necessary."

The City and the State CIO and the ALP will be represented at today's court hearing, according to Victor Rahinowitz, ACA attorney.

"If this court action were to be held upheld, it would mean that ALP members would be barred from acting as arbitrators," he said. "Under those circumstances, they could not be eligible to run for judges, where the standards are even higher."

## Plan Awaited in India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20 (UP).—Indian political leaders today adopted a "wait and see" attitude on the announcement in London yesterday that a British cabinet mission will be sent to India in March to end the political deadlock there.



### Chicago Labor Policy:

Cops roughly hustle two CIO pickets, who had fought to keep scabs out of the struck W. H. Jones Foundry & Machinery Co. in Chicago, into a police car. Nine other pickets were also arrested.

## ALP a Major Party On the East Side

A study of Tuesday's 19th Congressional District by-election proved to political leaders that the ALP has become a major party on the East Side. Johannes Steel, Labor Party nominee, lost the Sixth Assembly District in the three-way race by less than 500 votes.

Political commentators, studying the figures, almost unanimously agreed that the ALP can decide the outcome of next fall's gubernatorial and congressional campaigns.

Steel garnered 13,421, or 38 percent of the 35,122 votes cast. In 1944 when the ALP backed Samuel Dickstein, Democrat, it received 17,373, or 18 percent of the 95,732 votes.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties slumped in Tuesday's election, and Tammany failed to win a majority.

Two years ago, the Democrats received 55 percent of the vote as compared with 49 percent on Tuesday when they backed Arthur J. Klein. The Republicans dropped 14 percent.

Total vote for Democrats was 17,373, 300, and 4,341 for Republicans.

A study of Tuesday's results show that the Tammany machine is losing its grip on its former unchallenged strongholds in the Fourth and Sixth Assembly Districts. In the Fourth, where Bert Stand, Tammany leader, boasted of having the votes "in the bag," Klein won over Steel by only 1,711 votes out of 17,010 ballots cast. William S. Shea, Republican, received 911.

The Democrats also tumbled in the Sixth Assembly District where Klein received 4,640 compared to 4,079 for Steel. This Democratic assembly district cast an unusually high vote for Shea, amounting to 2,758.

In the Second Assembly District, the voting score was 3,805 for Klein, 2,148 for Steel and 605 for Shea.

Breakdown of the votes on an assembly district basis in Tuesday's vote shows:

	Klein	Steel	Shea
A. D. (Dem.)	(ALP.)	(Rep.)	
2nd .....	10,154	2,882	8,355
4th .....	24,682	8,674	7,106
6th .....	17,798	5,819	10,063
Total .....	52,634	17,373	25,525

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Comparison of Democrat, ALP and Republican votes in Nov. 1944, and Feb. 1946, reveal:

	1944	1946	Change
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ALP .....	17,373	13,421	+20
Republican .....	25,525	4,341	-14
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1944 1946 Change

Democrats .....

ALP .....

Republican .....

Total .....

95,732 35,122

Barred funds to any state or school

If, in carrying out its function under

this title, it makes any discrimination

because of race, creed, color or

national origin of children." The

intent of the amendment was to

eliminate discrimination in quantity

of food served children of

minority groups.

But even this enraged the Southern

Democrats. "Everybody knows

that segregation is discrimination,"

said Eugene Cox (D-Ga).

Rep. Malcolm Turner (D-Ga) de-

plored the amendment as unneces-

sary, but said he would vote for the

bill because it "did not alter the

substance of the bill."

For this he was roundly attacked

by Cox, Rankin and Sam Russell

(D-Tex.). The latter accused Tar-

ver of insulting him and demanded

that "his words be taken down."

Much of the opposition has come

from Republicans who argue for

economy and say that the states

"should pay their own expenses."

The final adopted amendment

is:

That no funds be paid to any state

or school system which maintains

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# The Real Criminal in 'Spy' Plot

## AN EDITORIAL

**E**XACTLY as predicted by this paper, the cooked-up atom spy scare peddled by Drew Pearson on a Canadian "tip" is not a spy story at all.

It has rapidly revealed itself as a carefully planned political provocation intended to conceal the fact that monopolists and militarists in the United States and Britain are trying to bully the world with a secret weapon, and are pursuing a "get tough" policy that dangerously imperils the unity of the Big Three.

The spy scare is plainly part of a "stop thief" maneuver. It was aimed at making the Soviet Union look like an aggressor nation in the same way that the Axis aggressors also tried to alibi their world-conquering aims by talk of a "Communist" menace.

One has only to look at a handful of the political expressions that flowered rapidly in the atmosphere of the spy hysteria to see the full truth of this.

Those cynical and ambitious young imperialist propagandists, Joseph and Stewart Alsop, columnists in the New York Herald Tribune, tipped the real story behind the spy scare. Having sorrowfully detailed how America is "appeasing" Soviet demands for the

fulfillment of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements, they naively report that Washington officials ask, "What else can we do?" And they answer: "... a constructive answer is being given by some of the younger Army officers and officials..."

What is this "answer" which the "more enthusiastic officers" are giving? Can it be to launch an immediate atom bomb war upon the Soviet Union?

In a similar vein, the columnist Marquis Childs in the liberal New York Post "reported" that "responsible men" in Washington are thinking the time has come for a dragnet that would "deprive hundreds of thousands of their liberty."

He revived the Berlin-made lie that the Communists are a "Fifth Column," and favorably recalled the vicious tirades of J. Edgar Hoover, in which that police chief echoed the tactics of a Himmler gestapo.

Within 48 hours, therefore, the lurid spy scare had become a naked demand for increased war preparations, and for political terrorism against the pro-democratic, pro-unity citizens of the nation.

The real criminal in the case has appeared not as some vague and mysterious "spy ring" but as the

brutal, aggressive, expansionist foreign policy of the Truman Administration, embodying the greedy dreams of the Wall Street trusts and the Hearst-minded militarists.

In this spy scare, it was the democratic liberty of the American people which was intended from the beginning to be the real victim.

The aim was to open the door for new warlike aggressions in Europe and the Far East and to terrorize into silence or submission every political element of opposition at home.

Such was the motive of the scare.

Such was our warning.

And so it has come to pass.

Let every honest American note that it is his own political liberties and his own desire for peace that are now at stake in the whipped-up hysteria sponsored by the "Big Stick" gang in Washington and London.

The popular answer can only be a more determined effort to curb the militaristic bullying and intervention which marks our foreign policy and to insist on genuine unity and cooperation among the Big Three on the basis of the Yalta and Potsdam pledges.



**Amishes Watch Pickets:** As pickets patrol the streets of Lancaster asking support to the AFL general strike called to support the striking workers of the Conestoga Transportation Co., this family, which belongs to the Amish religion watches with interest.

## Reveal U. S., Britain Planted 'Spy Expose'

By MEL COLBY

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—Britain and the United States sponsored the Canadian atomic spy scare in an effort to build pressure against the Soviet Union, the Toronto Star, which enjoys intimate relations with the King government, said in a dispatch from Ottawa Monday.

"A possible break between Russia and Canada was a risk they (Britain and the U. S.) felt could be taken," Ross Harkness, Ottawa correspondent, wrote.

The dispatch cast a new light on the great "spy" wave here, which has subsided now to a ripple. Newspapers have relegated the story to the inside pages. There have been no new arrests reported. An official government statement to supplement the vague declaration by Premier Mackenzie King is expected tomorrow.

"The assumption is that Canada was deliberately chosen by Britain and the United States for reasons of high state diplomacy to break the story," Harkness said.

"Britain and the U. S. are engaged in some rather ticklish negotiations with Russia. They are extremely anxious that peace be maintained and that international suspicions be forgotten. But they felt that the world should know of Russia's espionage activities, and that Russia should be under no illusions that the western powers would follow a policy of appeasement."

### Seek Release of 2 Spy Scare Prisoners

OTTAWA, Feb. 20 (UP)—Counsel for two of the 13 persons held by the Mounted Police here indicated today they will take legal steps to have their clients released.

### As UNO Observers See Atom Sea Test

Fifty American scientific leaders asked yesterday that representatives of the UNO Security Council and a special Congressional Committee be invited to witness the proposed atomic bomb tests against naval vessels.

Signers of a telegram to President Truman from the Science Division of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions included Herbert S. Harned, Mark A. May, Robert Chambers, John P. Peters, G. A. Balsell, G. Evelyn Hutchinson, H. W. Haggard, Leslie C. Dunn, Harlow Shapley, Harold C. Urey, Kirtley S. Mather, Louis N. Ridenour, Howard Mumford Jones, Reuben Gustavson, Thorin R. Hogness, and Glenn T. Seaborg.

## Senator Rebuffs Drive to Scare Civilians Off Atom

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.**—Attempts to utilize spy-scare stories to weaken public confidence in civilian control of atomic energy were rebuffed today by Sen. Brien McMahon (D-Conn), chairman of the Special Senate Committee on Atomic Energy Control.

Referring to the charge of "authorized War Department sources" that valuable atomic secrets had been disclosed in the course of the committee's work, McMahon said he had discussed this with Secretary of War Robert Patterson and Gen. Leslie R. Groves, who reportedly made the charge.

"They have both assured me that they do not know of any such disclosures. There have been none," said the Senator.

McMahon said the committee will meet tomorrow with FBI director J. Edgar Hoover; Timothy McInerny, of the Department of Justice, and Groves.

"We will discuss security," he said, "but this has nothing to do with any spy stories from Canada."

In the House, Rep. Andrew May (D-Ky), chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, threatened to bring his bill for military control of atomic energy to the floor for a vote. This measure, the May-Johnson bill, has been opposed by labor, progressives, and the atomic scientists themselves.

In trying to use the spy scare to build up support for this bill, May has run into some trouble. Several committee members were reported in sympathy with the statement of former Ambassador Joseph Davies that Soviet Russia has a "moral right" to seek information on the atomic bomb.

John Sparkman (D-Ala), said that "every nation has spies. We probably have them, too."

The Senate Committee is expected to act favorably on the McMahon bill within the next two weeks. The principle of civilian control which it contains was recently recommended by President Truman, and its counterpart has been introduced in the House by Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Cal).

### Lancaster General Strike Gains

By WALTER LOWENFELS

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 20.—The AFL general strike continued to gain strength in its third day today. The CIO was reported to be awaiting an AFL request to join the citywide walkout.

The powerful Teamsters Union, which has kept all union trucks and buses from entering or leaving town, said that non-union locals truckers were cooperating and most of them would be off the streets tonight.

The city depends almost entirely on trucks to bring in food and fuel and other essentials.

Truck deliveries by the Pennsylvania Railroad have been stopped.

All beer deliveries, movies, chain food stores as well as a number of AFL shops were closed.

It is estimated that most of the AFL's 12,000 craft workers, members of 23 unions, are out.

Another mass picket line at the ear barns kept all buses and street cars off the streets for the third consecutive day. One scab showed up, but the police made no attempt to break the line. A strong CIO picket delegation was led by Council President Paul Shaub.

### USSR Lashes 'Unfriendly' Act By Canada

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The Soviet Government deems it necessary to draw attention to the unbridled campaign, inimical to the Soviet Union, which started in the Canadian press and on the Canadian radio simultaneously with the above-mentioned declaration of the Canadian Government," the Soviet statement said.

"In spite of the small importance and insignificance of the circumstances which gave rise and cause to the declaration of the Canadian Government of Feb. 15, this anti-Soviet campaign is being supported by many Canadian organs.

"At the same time the position taken up by the Canadian Government is directly aimed at encouraging this campaign in the press and radio, inimical to the Soviet Union, which is incompatible with normal relations between the two countries.

"In conjunction with this, astonishment is caused by the unusual fact that the Canadian Government published its statement on Feb. 15 instead of first requesting an explanation from the Soviet Union, as is customary between countries entertaining normal relations.

"Inasmuch as the Canadian Government was motivated by some other aims, which had no interest to the security of Canada, one must acknowledge that the above-mentioned unbridled anti-Soviet campaign was part of a plan of the Canadian government aimed at inflicting political harm on the Soviet Union.

"One can not regard it as accidental that the declaration of Mr. King was adjusted to the moment of the closing session of the General Assembly of the United Nations when Soviet delegates made a declaration in defense of the principles of democracy and independence of small nations."

# Admit 3 Marine Sergeants Jailed For Demobilization Petition

HONOLULU, Feb. 20 (UP).—Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, Pacific Marine Force commander, yesterday confirmed that three Marine sergeants are confined in the brig pending an investigation of their circulation of a petition protesting the alleged "slowness" in the Marine demobilization rate.

Geiger's statement concerning the holding of the men brought immediate protests from the American Veterans Committee and four waterfront unions, who threatened a 24-hour waterfront work stoppage to support demands for the sergeants' release.

Marines held were T/Sgt. Jason P. Sheaffer, Harrisburg, Pa.; S/Sgt. Harry H. Cooley, New Orleans, and Sgt. George M. Darcy, The Bronx, New York.

The four unions involved were the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen, the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, the National Maritime Union, all CIO, and the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers, Independent. They met today to consider walkout action.

"By circulation of a petition of protest, these three members of the Marine Corps violated lawful laws," Geiger said. "These men are now confined pending results of an investigation."

In a joint statement, the unions said:

"Organized labor in Hawaiian territory is deeply concerned over the imprisonment. They must be defended against subversive attacks from highly placed officers who would abrogate the Constitution of the United States."

The statement added that marine commanders "must be informed that an individual soldier has human rights as well as constitutional rights. Whenever the officer class becomes so arrogant as to take the law upon themselves, then we have a military dictatorship."

The men were confined at Ewa Air Station Monday, but marine commanders refused to comment until the Geiger statement.

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Army last night ordered all personnel to cease interference in the problems connected with other divisions of the armed services as a result of the participation of two Army men in drawing up the Marine demobilization protest petition.

Two members of the American

Veterans' Committee who are meeting tonight to draw up a defense for the Marines were involved in the circulation of the petition last week.

They were Lt. Eugene Banks, Sycamore, Ill., chairman of the local AVC chapter, and T/4 Edward Truman, Des Moines, Ia., another member of the AVC.

## Inflation Fight Next Battle, Say Steel Workers

Special to the Daily Worker

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 20.—Bethlehem steel workers, celebrating their wage victory, swung their main attention to a war on high prices.

Addressing more than 6,000 workers who last Sunday poured out for a victory parade, Joe Kuzma, chairman of the rally said:

"This is a rehearsal for the coming battle. Tomorrow we go after Congress and the White House to see that we are not robbed of our victory by high prices and inflation. Tomorrow we go to work to clean out of Washington and Harrisburg all the little stooges of Bethlehem Steel."

"Mitch" Schaffer, president of Local 2600, United Steelworkers, threw a challenge to Bethlehem President Eugene Grace's man Friday, Congressman Gerlach of this area. Cheers greeted his declaration that labor will elect one of its own to Congress from the 8th District.

Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, widow of the Negro GI slain by a Freeport cop, and City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., will speak at a city-wide conference this Saturday, Feb. 23, protesting the Freeport killings.

The conference, sponsored by the Veterans Against Discrimination and the United Vets for Equality, will be held at the Hotel Diplomat at 1 p.m. More than 300 Manhattan organizations have been asked to participate.

Mrs. Ferguson's husband, Pvt. Charles Ferguson, was killed by Patrolman Joseph Romeika at Freeport, L. I. on Feb. 5. Romeika also killed Alfonso Ferguson, a veteran, and wounded a third brother, Joseph, in what eye-witnesses described as a cold-blooded killing.

Organizations already participating in the conference include: Anti-Nazi Non-Sectarian League, Greater New York CIO Council, Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions; Advertising Division, International Workers Order, Metropolitan Interfaith & Interracial Coordinating Council, Inc., Negro Congress, New York Chapter, American Veterans Committee, New York State Political Action Committee, Parkway Community Council and Veterans and Wives.

The Freeport slayings were de-

### Ben Davis Speaks in Hempstead Tonight

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., will speak at a mass meeting on the slaying of the Ferguson brothers, by patrolman Joseph Romeika, of Freeport, at the Odd Fellows Hall, on South Franklin St., in Hempstead, L. I., at 8 p. m. today. Councilman Davis is the New York City Communist Councilman. The meeting was organized by the Hempstead Club, of the Communist Party. There will also be other outstanding speakers from trade unions and other organizations. The public is invited.

nounced yesterday by the Greater New York Organizing Committee of Negro Youth, which demanded of Dewey and Freeport officials that Patrolman Romeika be suspended, arrested and indicted for murder.

The committee will join a mass delegation to Albany next Monday, Feb. 25, making a similar demand to Dewey. The delegation is sponsored by the New York State American Youth for Democracy.

## TWU Means Business; \$2 a Day or Strike

Scare headlines yesterday raised the Transport Workers Union's demand for a \$2 increase and collective bargaining to the status of the atomic spy scare. "Police Ready in New Transit Threat By Quill" was a sample head in the *Journal-American*.

The stories had reference to statements by Councilman Michael J. Quill and resolutions passed at enthusiastic meetings of more than 8,500 subways and "el" workers Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Quill said the TWU will accept arbitration, but will strike unless the Board of Transportation agrees to engage in true collective bargaining.

The Board, headed by LaGuardia-appointed Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross, has named a committee of four to hold hearings next week. Anybody and everybody who claims to represent transit workers was invited to come and talk. After that, presumably, the verdict is to be announced.

In view of the claim by B. of T. officials that there is only \$2,300,000 to spare for wage raises—an average of three cents an hour—its reply to the TWU is virtually a foregone conclusion.

### PACK MANHATTAN CENTER

This time, the TWU said it will not go for the phony collective bargaining that has plagued the city annually. The two largest halls at Manhattan Center filled by 7,000 workers Tuesday night despite the winter's worst blizzard. Large numbers were turned away and many more were unable to attend because they were called for emergency snow duty.

Yesterday morning 1,500 night shift workers attended another meeting. The spirit of the sessions gave unmistakable evidence that the workers are ready to walk out at the drop of a hat.

Earlier in the day several hired men of John L. Lewis' Dist. 50 distributed leaflets among transport workers telling them that Quill has not called New York's subway workers out on strike during the war because he wanted to "help make cannons for the Communists." Lewis' outfit is merging with several scab groups for what is described as a new drive among transit workers. "We challenge all the peanut organizations to call a meeting in



QUILL

## Senate Dems Split on Pauley Nomination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Democratic Party openly broke ranks today over President Truman's nomination of Elwin W. Pauley to be Under-Secretary of the Navy when Sen. Tom Stewart (D-Tenn.) called on Pauley to withdraw "out of common decency" and for the good of the party.

In the first public demand by an Administration supporter for Pauley's withdrawal, Stewart said in a statement that the Democratic Party is "seriously split" over the nomination. He said that Pauley, California oil man and former Democratic National Treasurer, should not be confirmed by the Senate, and that "to continue to embarrass the President is bad."

Pauley has given every indication that he intends to fight to the finish. Mr. Truman has told his last two press conferences that he considers Pauley a good man and does not intend to withdraw the nomination.

Former Under-Secretary of Interior Abe Fortas told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee he could not back up Harold L. Ickes' "rawest proposition" charge.

He told the committee that both campaign contributions and the tidelands suit were mentioned in an Ickes-Pauley conversation more than a year ago. But, he said, he was unable from memory to confirm or deny that the two subjects were mentioned on a "contingency basis."

Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal told the committee he felt Pauley was a man of good character and ability, but he declined to say whether or not the Senate should confirm his nomination.

Referring to Ickes' testimony that Pauley promised \$300,000 from oil men if the tidelands suit was dropped, Stewart said he considered it significant that Pauley "did not vigorously deny the statement."

Instead, he said, Pauley "simply satisfied himself for the moment with the meek 'You are mistaken, Mr. Ickes,' reply."

Harry March, vice-president of the Signal Oil and Gas Co., Los Angeles, testified that Standard Oil Company of California guaranteed a \$200,000 bank loan for a California oil fight in which the larger companies opposed independent operators.

The fight involved a referendum to repeal the so-called Atkinson law which the big oil corporations supported as a conservative measure.

### For the Youngsters

Tubby the Tuba	\$2.62
Funnybone Alley	2.89
Peter and the Wolf	3.67
• And Many Others •	
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## What GM Really Wants

THE trusts are being appealed on prices, but they are not moving to settle strikes. They are showing that their real object is to bust the unions.

Take the case of General Motors.

A week has passed since the President issued his wage-price order. But GM's workers are beginning the fourth month of their strike. The company continues to stall. The real price demanded by Charles E. Wilson, president of GM, is "company security"—union suicide.

That, and nothing else, is the real meaning of GM's demand for an end of membership maintenance and other such contract changes. The corporation seeks advantages for a knockout blow at a later stage.

After three months of solidarity, undented anywhere along the vast GM front, the corporation ought to be convinced of the tenacity of the workers. GM workers will never yield their union security.

Labor everywhere, irrespective of affiliation, must realize that the GM strikers, and all unions still on strike, are holding the "union line." They should be given all the aid labor can muster.

# Bloomfield Stoppage Defies Court; Schenectady Line Braves Injunction

Special to the Daily Worker

**SCHENECTADY, N. Y.**, Feb. 20.—Thousands of strikers manned the picket lines before the main gates of the huge General Electric plant here this morning despite a heavy snow. The line was a response to a union call, over the radio and in newspaper ads, for an answer to an injunction against mass picketing, issued yesterday.

The terms of the injunction, published by the company in full-page ads in the local press, would result in crippling the strike. The union, Local 30 of the United Electrical Workers (CIO), is appealing to the Appellate Court, which convenes on March 4.

The snow piled up cars and paralyzed traffic. But at 7 a.m., the appointed hour, workers were converging on the plant from all directions on foot.

A large proportion of the pickets were veterans, many in uniform. Men in uniform hung from the sides of a jeep which patrolled the lines.

Many of the vets left at 9 a.m. for a meeting at union headquarters. There they decided to send a busload of delegates to Gov. Dewey tomorrow to insist that he sign the Pillion-Burney bill granting jobless pay to striking vets.

The Governor probably will sign as soon as he hears of the delegation and then present them with the signed measure. This is standard Dewey technique where the vets are on the move.

#### POSTPONE SCAB TRY

According to unconfirmed reports, the company was set to get some of the 12,000 non-union white-collar and professional workers into the plant this morning. No such attempt developed.

One reason given was that the company first wanted to see what would happen if the union violated the restraint against mass picketing. Another was that it wanted to wait and catch the union off guard.

Union leaders issued another call today for mass picketing tomorrow morning.

The company is meeting serious resistance among the white-collar and professional workers, it is also reported. Thousands of these have relatives among the striking production workers.

#### SON WON'T SCAB

One old Polish worker, for instance, told picket leaders that his son, an engineer, had been visited by a supervisor yesterday and threatened with loss of his job if he did not report this morning.

"You must think I'm crazy to go through the picket line with my father on strike," the son told him.

About a dozen police were on the scene early this morning, but soon left.

They, too, have relatives in the strike. Workers in close touch with cops report there is a strong undercurrent against taking action against the strikers.

The injunction would limit picket lines before the huge main gate, equal in breadth to two wide streets, to 12 people. It would prevent any interference with anyone entering or leaving the plant. This would include even the use of "abusive language."

#### Castings Plant Locks Out 400

**CHESTER, Pa.**, Feb. 20.—The Atlantic Steel Castings Co. has locked out 45 steel worker members of the CIO Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers for refusing to settle an \$80,000 National War Labor Board award for \$40,000.

Most of the locked-out workers are Negroes.

The WLB award represents wages due in a case that dates back to Aug. 2, 1944.

Special to the Daily Worker

**BLOOMFIELD, N. J.**, Feb. 20.—Striking Westinghouse workers this morning kicked a Chancery Court anti-picketing order into the slush when they turned out en masse and brought out workers from nearby plants to augment their lines. At 9 a.m. nearly 4,000 UE-Westinghouse strikers and workers from the Bloomfield Tool Co., Kiddie Manufacturing Co., Star Electric Co. and Lehn and Fink Co. joined ranks in front of the struck concern and staged an enthusiastic rally.

Just as enthusiastically, the massed demonstrators grabbed Daily Workers as paper carriers mingled with the crowd. One thousand strikers read the Daily Worker in this strike-bound town this morning.

As mobilized police stood near by, union leaders assailed Gov. Walter E. Edge and the company for scheming to abolish labor's right to strike and picket.

Speakers included Ruth Young, secretary of District 4, UE; Walter Barry, UE international representative and president of the Greater Newark CIO Council; Tom Nell, UE veteran's director; Joseph Martin, spokesman for striking Chevrolet workers; and leaders of Bloomfield local unions.

Workers in unstruck plants who joined the injunction-defying picket demonstration left their jobs at 8:30 a.m. and marched through heavy slush to the Westinghouse works in a body. They remained for two hours and then formed a parade and returned to work.

Miss Young was applauded when she said over a loud speaker:

"Westinghouse has taken national newspaper ads, charging American workers with violence. Whatever violence there is in this land is the violence of Big Business, the conspiracy of the big employers to smash down the standard of living."

Barry nailed the "political scabs in Congress" who, he said, are trying to break strikes for the monopolies. He assailed both the Hague Democratic machine and the Edge-Republican crowd who he charged "have no time to talk to veterans about housing, but who find time to come to the aid of the employers."

Barry cited a two-hour conference held last Monday between Gov. Edge and officials of the Westinghouse company. The purpose of the meeting, he declared, was to discuss ways and means of smashing the strike.

UE officials and the strikers were aroused during the past week over the outcome of a two-day meeting between two U.S. mediators and company representatives. Net result was an "offer" to settle the strike which amounted to tearing up the present contract before the company would agree to negotiate,

## Albany GOP Set To Kill Bill For Aid to Strikers

Special to the Daily Worker

**ALBANY**, Feb. 20.—The Isaacson-Fino bill on jobless pay for strikers is slated to be killed in committee early next week.

Only immediate and strong union pressure, for a public hearing can avert this. The bill would eliminate the seven-week waiting period for unemployment insurance for strikers.

GOP leaders have apparently rejected all pleas for a lowering of the waiting period and are determined to kill the measure.

ALP Assemblyman Leo Isaacson's office reported today that several unions have already sent in requests for a public hearing to Assemblyman Fred A. Washburn, Columbia County Republican, who heads the Assembly Labor Committee. The demand, however, will have to be much heavier and must come from all over the State.

The pressure for a public hearing should be directed to Assembly Speaker Oswald D. Heck, Majority leaders Irving M. Ives and Benjamin Feinberg respectively, as well as to Washburn and Sen. William F. Condon, (R-Westchester), who heads the Senate Labor Committee, Isaacson's office said.

#### Elastic Profits

Goodyear Tire & Rubber reported net sales of only \$716,176,748 last year, a drop of \$70,000,000 from the year before. But it reported net profit of \$15,136,816 plus \$2,500,000 set aside as a reserve. Profits were about 12 percent as compared with working capital.

## VETS' VOICE



### Unpunished Murderers Of American GIs

By JOSEPH CLARK

Here is a subject about which it's hard to write calmly and deliberately. Men, wearing the uniform of the U.S. Army, Navy and Marines, GIs and ex-GIs have been murdered in American cities. But the murderers have been allowed to go unpunished.

I'm referring to the lynching of Negro servicemen and vets in Alabama and Freeport, L.I. A veritable reign of terror exists and the men who fought for this nation's freedom are its victims.

Let's get to the bottom of this dirty business. These lynchings are not merely the work of brutal, race-biased police officials. How can we account for the extension of these infamies to the North? A deep probe of the backgrounds would uncover the entire system of oppression of the Negro people. It would reveal a method by which the standards of all the people are lowered by playing off white against Negro and vice versa.

But I want to discuss just one of the reasons for the current upsurge of violence against Negro soldiers and vets. That is the system of Jimcrow in the armed forces. Let me tell a story about a southern lad in our company.

He came from deep in Georgia. We had endless arguments about the Negro question. It seemed to me that I couldn't get to first base with him.

One day a group of army trucks rolled into our company area in a small German village. Some Negro truck drivers piled out, weary, hungry after 24 hours on the road. The first man to spot them was my Georgia friend. I noticed that he was in deep conversation with the Negro soldiers. And in a while he led them to our company commander. He asked the CO to allow the men to stay with his squad, to

Vets' Voice appears Monday and Thursday in the Daily Worker. We invite your comment and questions.

## Progressive Mine Workers Hint They May Quit AFL for CIO

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill.**, Feb. 20.—An indication that the Progressive Mine Workers may quit the AFL in favor of the CIO was given here by PMW president John Marchiando. Return of the United Mine Workers to the AFL confronts the PMW with the choice of either leaving the AFL or being absorbed into the UMW.

Marchiando issued a statement urging all locals of his union of 35,000 members to contribute money to striking CIO steel and auto workers to assist their "victorious fight against the two most entrenched industries in the country."

"The CIO, which gave full and complete moral and financial support to the two members of its organization, has led the way for labor in the country as a whole, and has again demonstrated the tremendous power which can be exerted through unity," he said.

The PMW is holding a special convention here Feb. 25 at which time a decision will be made on leaving the AFL.

## Thieves Drop \$3,000 Loot

Four armed bandits, one wearing a U.S. Army uniform, held up a Brooklyn jewelry store yesterday, but in their haste to escape dropped an envelope containing \$3,000.

The envelope was found on the floor some time after C. G. Mongeau, the proprietor, reported the same distance away.

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# Change the World

by Mike Gold

DREW PEARSON, the yocket-yockey man of radio, would throw his mother to a crocodile if it gave him an "exclusive" story.

His melodrama about Russian spies in Canada early this week was as phony as they come.

Pearson threw truth and the cause of world peace to the fascist crocodiles. He quoted mysterious "official sources" of the United States who declared that this was the end; "we are through with appeasing Russia."

Then he told about what went on inside the Russian diplomatic camp, how they said this and that in their secret conferences.

"The spies were scared; they were escaping in all directions. Also, the spy organization was being reorganized, and its chief in Canada demoted for inefficiency." Pearson was right there, beside the conspirators.

Pearson was everywhere, wrapped in his magic cloak that made him invisible, the little roach who sees all, knows all and tells all.

But I'll bet he got it all out of the same filthy dump that Hearst and others did. Their story had the familiar marks



of a handout. It had doubtless been prepared and framed up for the newspapers by some sinister official hand.

Hearst and the other newspaper fascists have been having a wonderful time with this newest spy tale. In Congress, the poltaxers and union-busters have been having themselves a time.

The publicity heat is on—but try to find a single, solid fact. Publicity smear first—facts in a hundred years, maybe.

THAT is the hallmark by which one can detect the phony character of the sensation. It strains so much for publicity.

If it were a genuine investigation it would have avoided so much sensational publicity until a few facts were established.

Rumors, mysterious statements by unnamed "officials," sudden appearance of the FBI, the sensational raids, the round-up of 22 Canadian government employees reported to have leaked the bomb secrets to Russia—their sequestration in a lonely police barracks in the north woods, where they are surrounded by a regiment of Mounted Police in red coats, all the familiar movie buildup is there!

Meanwhile, every foreign government that maintains an embassy in Washington has dozens of military and naval attaches whose business it is to "spy" upon the military preparations of the United

## Drew Pearson 'Spy' Expose Sounds Like Publicity Handout

States, and to report regularly to their own governments.

New York is crowded with the hand-some young men in a dozen different uniforms. A reporter finds them at all the fashionable spots in New York and Washington, learning military secrets over the cocktails.

AND why not? Despite a little drop of possible hope via the UNO, postwar diplomacy is the same witch-brew out of which boiled the two world wars.

Attlee and Bevin, heads of a labor government, are hard to tell apart from British imperialists. They are carrying on the policy of Chamberlain, Churchill and Clive Hastings.

As for the men around Truman, Ickes described them with a terrible word: he mentioned Teapot Dome. They are also closer to the American First species of imperialism than to the vision of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The world is going to crawl out of this mess. Life is going to resolve the contradictions of capitalism. Big parts of Europe and Asia are discovering that private enterprise can rebuild one house, or a hundred houses. But it cannot rebuild a hundred cities. That demands socialism.

Life will be beautiful some day, and socialism is around the corner. But what dreadful calamities will the lunatics of

capitalist imperialism yet force us to pass through?

THIS stale, old Russia spy scare was another provocation of the imperialists, of course. But see what vast calamities they play with now.

"They" have the atomic bomb secret. "They" are building hundreds of these bombs. They whisper that with these bombs America is safe from all attack by other nations—it is our new Maginot Line.

Suddenly, however, in our security, the Russians appear and steal some of the secret. Maybe they are building hundreds of atom bombs, too. Maybe, for safety, we must attack them first, and fight a protective war. Maybe we can completely protect ourselves by conquering the whole wide world—including our trade rival England.

So it goes on—the campaign to trick America into imperialist World War Three. It is the atmosphere in which this Drew Pearson launches his Russian spy "exclusive" mystery tale. Ah, if one could pierce the veil of the future and discover how soon all this type of journalism and statecraft are destined to destroy another third of the human race in atomic bomb war!

Let the trade unions and the free people of America never lose sight of the war-makers in our midst. They never sleep, like Macbeth.

## Letters from Our Readers

### La. Welfare and The State Machine

Marthaville, La.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

In each of the 64 parishes of Louisiana is a Director of the Dept. of Welfare. The Directors should, more properly, be termed dictators. The Welfare Dept. aids only those who support the state political machine.

An old blind man in Lake Charles received \$10 a month until the Dept. discovered he was supplementing this meager amount by selling pencils. He was cut off and further aid was refused.

Such a state of affairs is intolerable and must be exposed.

JOHN B. GENTRY.

### Bevin Is 'Ersatz' Socialist

New York.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The Nazis "National Socialism," whose criminal authors made the "Red Menace" one of its chief baits for reactionaries the world over trying to set the clock of history back to the age of bar-

barism, has its loud voices now in England. The ersatz "socialist" Ernest Bevin has just made the accusation before the UNO assembly that Soviet Russia is a "menace to the peace of the world."

There is nothing surprising in Bevin's latest outburst of Soviet hatred. It is an obsession with him. The record of his attitude during the dark period of the Baldwin-Chamberlain appeasement of Hitler and Mussolini stands as an indictment of his innate tory convictions. He is an imperialist, trusted by all those who are determined to go on exploiting the colonial peoples and maintain in power monarchists in Greece, and Fascists in Spain and Argentina. A. G. DIAZ.

### Force British Troops Out of Greece

Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Who is the pro-imperialist tory Bevin trying to fool when he shouts Red propaganda because Russia tells the truth about British imperialism in Greece and Indonesia? It isn't the first time

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your request. We will withhold names upon request.

British imperialist troops have occupied a country following a war.

After World War I, British as well as U.S. imperialist troops were in Soviet Siberia oppressing the Russian people. Only after great protest throughout the world were the imperialist troops withdrawn. Now, too, world protest must force the withdrawal of imperialist troops from the colonial countries.

E. NEIL.

### Message of Soviet Students

Ivanovo, USSR.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

We congratulate you, your readers and all American people on your national holiday of Thanksgiving Day, which your country celebrates in the honor of the first courageous pioneers of the newly discovered continent and of the first harvest gathered in the New World.

In a short period your energetic, enterprising people have succeeded in building up the land and utilizing its resources to perfection and have occupied first place in the world as regards productivity of your workers' labor.

We should be extremely pleased to receive an issue of your paper and to get acquainted with articles it contains.

All our students who study English for cultural and commercial relations between our great people send you best regards.

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### Case Bill For Services Rendered?

Aberdeen, S. Dak.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

People in South Dakota are wondering if Francis Case's sponsoring of the vicious anti-labor Case Bill is service rendered in return for the heavy contributions of the duPonts and Mellons to the campaign funds of the Republican Party in South Dakota. It is not so long ago that Senator Guffey stood up in the Sen-

ate and read from the report filed by the treasurer of the South Dakota Republican Party that some \$53,700 was contributed by the duPonts, Pews, Mellons, McCormicks and other stock holders of General Motors.

Organized labor in South Dakota has been aroused by Case's sponsorship of this vicious Hitler-like legislation calculated to hogtie American labor while the monopolies pick it clean and drive for World War III.

Already movements are underway for joint independent political action of labor and the farmers. South Dakota people would like to elect someone to serve them—not the trusts and monopolies of Wall Street.

C. SHARP.

### Troops Held to Suppress Filipinos

Ashland, Wisc.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I send you an excerpt of a letter from my husband who is attached to a troop-transport in the Tacloban, Leyte, harbor, waiting for troops.

He says: "There is absolutely no reason in the world for these men being in the Philippines, and yet they can't get home because they lack a point or two. They are fast going to pieces, having nothing to do but drink ethyl alcohol and a native brew. The VD rate is rising rapidly."

"Troop ships must wait in harbor while high point men are held to put down feared native uprisings — to protect American moneyed interests."

MRS. A. HODGE.

### Shades of Hooverville

New Haven, Conn.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

A busy but irate housewife, I am taking time out to write you of a benevolent offer made by Mr. Howard S. Palmer, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., to ease the housing shortage. He is suggesting that obsolete freight cars be converted into temporary homes! Shades of Hooverville!

That is the best that capitalism can offer to the returning veterans and families. If I were a returned veteran, I would find out how Mr. Palmer lives and let him know if he thinks so much of the proposition, then it's a good idea for him to live in a box-car himself.

G.R.J.

## Nomad to Hero--A Tale of Life in USSR

MOSCOW

I first met Samand Siabanov in Erevan, Armenia. The tall Kurd was resplendent in a tunic bright with decorations. His walk was springy and his dark eyes flashed. Passersby greeted him warmly, stopped to shake his hands. I saw the gold star of a Hero of the Soviet Union, the Order of Lenin and two Orders of the Red Banner among his decorations.

This was Lt. Col. Siabanov, first Kurd to have won the title of Hero of the Soviet Union, best known Kurd in all Armenia, deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, brilliant example of Soviet education and the new life of Soviet minorities.

Siabanov was the most interesting testimonial of how far these former nomads have progressed since their days of aimless wandering and squalor. Once they had no alphabet, no homes, nothing but the bitter trials of a beaten and oppressed people. Today the Kurds are a proud race, a cultured people, a population with a language, with schools, with equality and prestige . . . with representatives like Samand Siabanov.

### FLED TURKS

After the first World War, while the Soviet state was beset on all sides, the Turks invaded the Kars area. The Kurd nomads, helpless before the savagery of the invaders, fled

By G. Kolmanov

Samand was ten then. He remembers how his father Ali Siabanov packed the family's entire possessions on a horse, crossed into Georgia and attempted to begin again the wretched life of the Kurd nomads.

In 1926, the Soviet government granted land and allotments to the Kurds. The Siabanov family started back. With other Kurd families, they moved into Armenia, founded 12 lovely towns on the slopes of the Armenian mountains and for the first time in their lives felt security and peace.

The former nomads learned to till the soil. Doctors appeared in their towns. Schools were opened. Having no alphabet of their own then, they were taught in Azerbaijan. Age-old prejudices and superstitions were rapidly eradicated.

Not only Samand, but everything in Erevan reflected the new knowledge and culture, the great strides of the Kurd people. There are only 15,000 Kurds—but the Armenian Republic spends more money on their education and well-being proportionately than on the rest of the indigenous population.

### FIRST STUDENT

Samand told me he had been one of the first Kurd boys whose parents had concentrated to his attending school. He finished

school with honors, was given a scholarship to the Institute for National Minorities of the Soviet East.

On his return home in 1938, the Kurds and Armenians in the Aparan District elected him their representative to the Supreme Soviet of Armenia. Today there is not a single Kurd who does not know Siabanov's contributions as their deputy. His efforts to spread enlightenment and culture, to further enrich the already famous Kurd collective farms, have endeared him to the people of all Soviet Armenia.

While in Erevan I visited the Kurd theatre founded ten years ago and there I met other members of the new Kurd intelligentsia.

There was a Kurd girl who had a Candidate's (Master's) Degree in philosophy. She told me of the Kurd now teaching at the State University of Armenia. Another Kurd deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR was in charge of a large organization handling all the cotton produced in Armenia.

Yes, this was the new Armenia, the new Kurd. In such deputies as Samand Siabanov one saw the real potentials of a people coming true. It made me proud and happy at the new and rich future the USSR had provided for the peoples in its domain—even those living in its remotest corners.

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## The Johannes Steel Vote

FROM the smoke of the nationally-watched 19th Congressional District by-election three vital conclusions emerge:

First: that the independent political strength of labor and its allies is growing.

Second: that many voters are becoming increasingly critical of the swing of the Truman administration away from the popular policies of the late President Roosevelt.

Third: that a new unity of labor and progressive sections of the population is in the making.

A few figures from the last two congressional campaigns in the 19th are instructive. In 1944, the only previous comparable congressional election in this strong Democratic machine district, the Tammany Democrats received 55 percent of the total votes cast. In the by-election Tuesday they dropped to 49 percent.

In 1944 the American Labor Party received on its line only 18 percent of the vote for Congress. In Tuesday's by-election the ALP candidate, running against the Tammany nominee, received 38 percent of the total vote cast, an increase of 20 percent.

The sharp up-swing in labor's independent vote can be explained no other way than by the character of the campaign waged by Mr. Steel, Rep. Vito Marcantonio, the ALP and Mr. Steel's wide range of supporters, including the CIO, the Political Action Committee, various AFL unions and such noted progressives as Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace and former Mayor F. H. LaGuardia.

Mr. Steel fought as a supporter of the original Roosevelt program—to increase mass purchasing power by fighting the monopolies at home and to maintain world peace through unity of the Big Three. He was candid and critical of the Truman administration at every point where it has departed from FDR's policies. The response of the voters indicated that he was talking their language.

### New Type Coalition

Despite the frantic wishful thinking on the part of Hearst's Mirror, the N. Y. Post, the World-Telegram and the Social Democrats of the so-called Liberal Party, the campaign does not mark a rupture in the New York coalition that has so frequently beaten off reaction. On the contrary, the campaign indicates the growth of a newer and higher type of coalition in which labor plays an ever-greater part.

What it does end is the old type of alliance in which labor was a decidedly junior partner to one of the major parties, being compelled to take what was handed to it by way of candidates, platforms and subsequent performance—or lack of performance. In the Johannes Steel campaign labor served warning that it regards the old type of coalition dead, but will work for and be a leading part in a new type of coalition—a labor-progressive coalition determined to fight the monopolies and to maintain world peace.

Mr. Steel, the ALP and its supporters are to be congratulated for demonstrating labor's independent strength and for proving the validity of the progressive coalition policy. In their splendid campaign they have done not only all of American labor but the whole people a great service, one which will bear fruit as the country approaches the 1946 and 1948 elections.

## Sub-versky Stuff

A STRANGE character known as Alexander de Seversky has just completed an official tour of the Pacific for the War Department. His expenses were paid by American tax-payers so we might as well examine this gentleman's ideas. Who knows but what we may have to pay in blood some day?

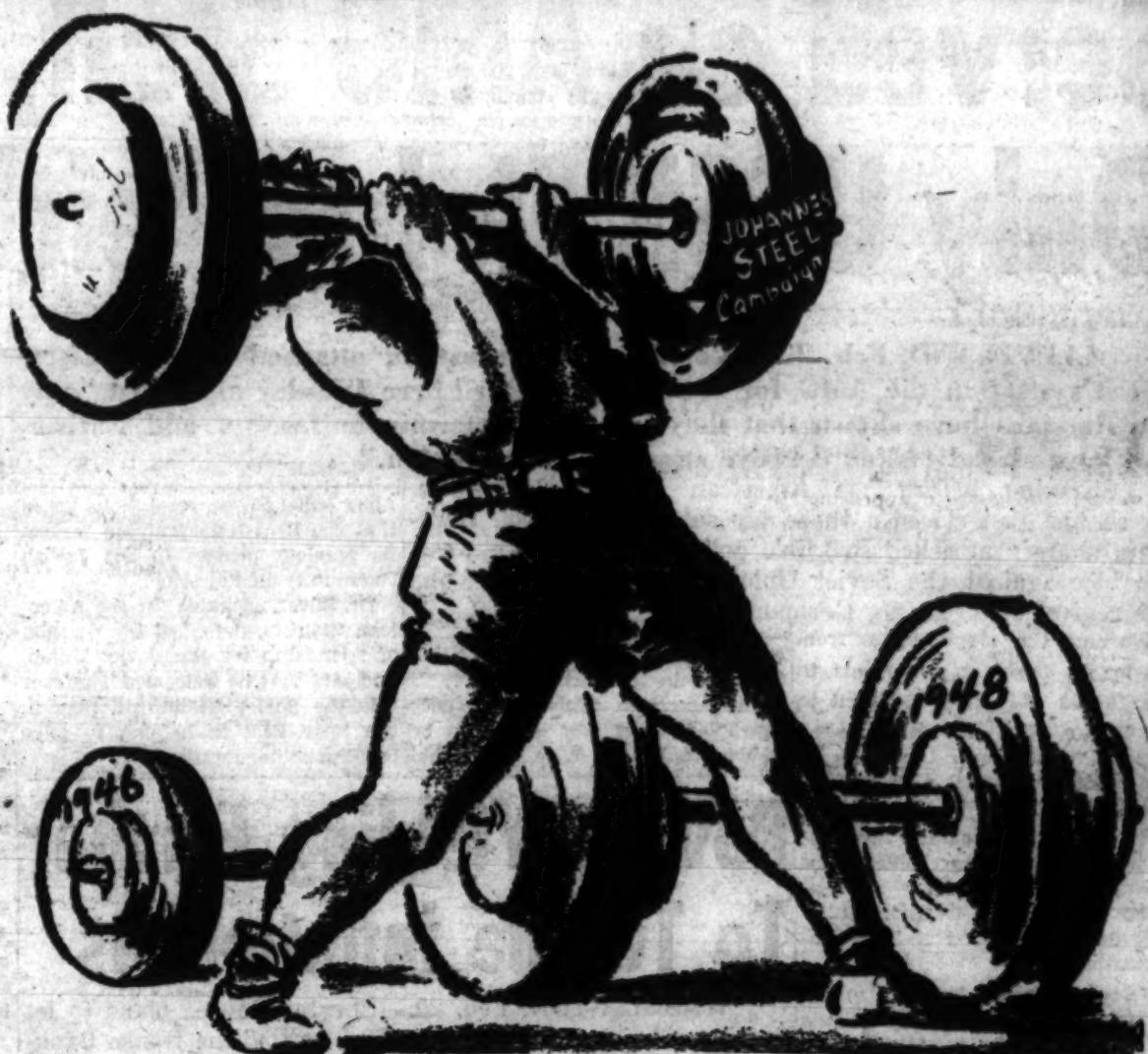
As for the war just ended, de Seversky contributes no original thought. We were interested in his statement, however, that the atom bomb over Hiroshima was useful because "it provided the perfect excuse for surrender. Its psychological value was beyond calculation for both the defeated and the victors."

As for the future, de Seversky insists we must control the air "possibly over nearly the whole globe." The fact that a good deal of the earth's atmosphere covers the lands of other nations does not interest this consultant to the War Department. And he's not just talking for himself. He mirrors a foreign policy of imperialist aggression.

Moreover, he sees no end to wars.

A prolonged peace is so much drivel to men like de Seversky. War is their business. The sky is no limit.

## TESTING HIS STRENGTH



## WASHINGTON NOTES

## The Price Control Struggle



by Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON. THE struggle to protect the living standards of the people is now moving into the field of prices. The big monopolies would like to recapture the gains made by labor in the recent wage agreements, gains which, in the case of steel, cost the corporations nothing.

Price control represents a curb on the possibility of unlimited profits, and the big monopolies are determined to smash it once and for all. That explains the series of advertisements the National Association of Manufacturers is running in daily newspapers throughout the country.

The NAM argues that price control hinders production. "Business," the NAM says, "cannot live by producing at a loss. And so goods that can't be made to sell at the prices fixed by the government just don't get made." Chester Bowles, the new director of economic stabilization, gave a splendid answer to the NAM in his testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee on Monday. He showed that today, under price control, 52 million workers are producing more than at any other peacetime period in the history of the country. He said that business is operating at a handsome profit, particularly food processing, textile, clothing, department stores and the service trades. He estimated corporation profits, before taxes, at \$2 billion dollars for 1945 as compared with \$5 billion dollars in 1944. He indicated that in a vast majority of cases wage increases could be granted without any price increase.

NAM Exposed  
By Bowles

We were impressed by Mr. Bowles' testimony. We liked the energy with which he exposed the

phony propaganda of the NAM, and the sincerity with which he pleaded for continuation of the law providing for price and rent controls.

But we suspect that Bowles is underestimating the problems confronting him and the people in the price control field.

First, the NAM isn't impressed with logic. Its campaign derives from the basic strategy of the big monopolies. They have called for public pressure on Congressmen to defeat price control. They will spend millions for this aim.

Second, Bowles expects support from the Truman Administration to hold prices in line.

Bowles apparently has forgotten that Truman is still President and John Snyder still reconversion director. Snyder urged and Truman supported a price increase of \$5 a ton to the steel trust when Bowles insisted that no more than \$2.50 was justified.

As Bowles himself points out, the new wage-price policy includes the provision that a company can apply for price increases at any stage, and need not wait six months during a trial period. Bowles reasons that if a price increase is not justified (and he

thinks it will not be justified in basic cost of living items) OPA need not grant it.

But Bowles is not taking sufficiently into account the amount of pressure the corporations can and will rally for price increases.

Mr. Bowles has never been very profound in his understanding of labor problems. For months he based himself on the cost of living index of the Bureau of Labor statistics, which showed only 32 percent increase from 1941 to 1944, although the entire labor movement assured him that the increase was actually about 49 percent.

Now he has agreed to that part of the formula which calls for wage control, which he argues is not wage freezing. And while he deplores the cut in take-home pay, he "trusts" that labor will accept the cut without protest.

The fight for continued price control is a fight which the people must support and which labor must lead. Labor no doubt appreciates Bowles' efforts in this direction. But Bowles has made the fight more difficult because of his compromise with big business and the enemies of price control.

## Worth Repeating

Lenin, describing the imperialist stage of capitalism, said: "World capitalism has at the present time, i.e., about the beginning of the 20th century, reached the stage of imperialism. Imperialism, or the epoch of finance capital, represents a high stage of development of the capitalist economic system, one in which monopolist associations of capitalists—syndicates, cartels and trusts—have assumed decisive importance; enormously concentrated banking capital has fused with industrial capital; the export of capital to foreign countries has assumed enormous dimensions; the whole world has been divided up territorially among the richer countries, and the economic partitioning of the world among international trusts has begun. Imperialist wars, i.e., wars for the mastery of the world, for markets, for bank capital and for the strangulation of small and weak nations, are inevitable under such a state of affairs."—Vol. VI, Selected Works, International Publishers.

# Served on AMG Staff, Holds Only USSR Fights Reich Nazis

Special to the Daily Worker

CLEVELAND, Feb. 20.—Col. Bernard Bernstein, attached to Gen. Eisenhower's staff in the AMG for Germany, declared here Tuesday night that "only the Russians have shown that they mean to exterminate fascism and Nazism, and have already taken decisive steps in this direction."

Speaking before the American Jewish Conference, which has just closed a three-day session here, Col. Bernstein sharply attacked Britain's policy of building a western bloc against the Soviet Union, which, he said, means the revival of a "strong Germany."

Warning the 434 delegates from all major Jewish organizations in the United States of the peril to the peace, Col. Bernstein asked sharply "what excuse there can be for continued trade with France and Spain."

He vigorously denounced the British and American governments for having invited Argentina—now exposed by the State Department itself—into the United Nations Organization.

Bernstein joined in the demand for special attention to the rights of displaced Jews in Europe and the return of their stolen property. He warned, with many other speak-

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## Bowles Yielding Further To Textile Inflationists

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Chester Bowles plans to let textile mills increase prices further, he told the House Banking Committee today. Bowles gave no details, but his statement indicated the OPA was yielding further ground under onslaughts by manufacturing interests and their friends in the Civilian Production Administration who have been pushing a fabric "incentive pricing" plan.

The theory behind this plan is that fabric for cheaper clothing will not be produced until higher profits are guaranteed to the mills.

Bowles said that he hoped fabric production would go up 40 to 50 percent under the new appeasement plan.

Bowles also told the committee that while he sometimes agreed with Henry Ford II he could not go along with the automobile magnate in his opposition to present price policies.

As a result of Bowles' blast yesterday against Henry Ford, committee members have asked Ford and Henry J. Kaiser to present their views on OPA policies. They received a telegram from Ford today in which he said he would appear.

Dairy interests continued their attacks against price control before the House special food study committee. Henry Rathburn, president of the Dairymen's Cooperative League of New York, threatened: "If the only way to get something done is the un-American way of sitting down and refusing to work, then the farmers of America can do it, too."

### B'klyn Rally Hits Inflation Pressure

Protest against increased prices was registered by the Midwood Consumer Council this week, at a rally which called upon Stabilization Director Chester Bowles to continue his fight against inflation. The 400 present at the meeting called upon President Truman and OPA chief Paul P. Porter to hold the line.

The \$5 increase in steel "unlocks the floodgates of skyrocketing prices," said Mrs. Maxine Krimsky, legislative director of the Kings County American Labor Party, yesterday. She declared "it is only the Price Control Act which keeps off inflation."

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## Truman Signs Job Data Bill

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The bill is known as the "Employment Act of 1946."

The measure does not pledge the government to strive for the "full employment" goal for which the bill was originally proposed.

The President is required to submit to Congress within 60 days after the opening of each new session an "economic report" giving the production, employment and purchasing power picture.

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He is to name, with Senate consent, an economic council of three to gather data and advise how best to achieve consistent with the "aims" of free enterprise, the conditions "under which there will be useful employment opportunities" for all.

The government is to consult with representatives of industry, agriculture, labor and state and local governments.

For Congress the act establishes a 14-member joint committee—seven from each house—to recommend legislation.

## City Gets Bill to Impeach Rankin

The Rules Committee of the City Council is now considering a resolution calling upon New York members of the House of Representatives to start impeachment proceedings against Rep. John Rankin.

The measure narrowly failed to pass on Tuesday after it was introduced by Councilman Eugene P. Connolly, Laborite, because Republican Councilman Hugh Quinn, of Queens, author of the eight-cent fare resolution, objected when a roll call on the measure was proposed. A single objection can prevent the Council from voting on a measure.

As a result of Quinn's blocking move, the resolution, which was strongly supported by Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis and Laborite Michael Quill, was sent to the Rules Committee. Connolly is preparing to insure the largest public attendance at the hearing of the Rules Committee, he said yesterday.

## Urgent to End AFL-CIO Split, Foster States

BALTIMORE, Feb. 20.—It is "high time" that the AFL and CIO joined in one labor federation, William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party, told a meeting of over 1,000 persons here Monday night.

The meeting, sponsored by the Communist Party of Maryland and D. C., applauded vigorously when William Taylor, educational director and a veteran, suggested that Negro soldiers should receive battle stars for serving in Alabama and Mississippi.

Foster contrasted the present situation with that which followed World War I, pointing out that at that time the employers were able to shatter the trade union movement because it was weak. Today, he said, labor is much stronger and the employers are forced to pursue different tactics in an effort to split and weaken this strength.

"If 14,000,000 are powerful, 20,000,000 will be twice as powerful," he declared. "Millions can be brought into the labor movement."

The possibility of a Baltimore free from Jimcrow was forecast in an address by former Howard University Prof. Doxey Wilkerson.

Al Lannon, outgoing district chairman, introduced his successor, Phil Frankfield, who presented \$150 to strikers of Baltimore in the name of the Communist Party.

### New Wisconsin Bishop

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 20 (UPI)—The Pope today named the Rev. Albert Meyer, rector of the main seminary of Milwaukee, to be Bishop of Superior, Wisc.

## Warn of Bund Activity Here

Nazis in the United States are working hard to make America the new stronghold of fascism," the Victory Committee of German-American Trade Unionists warned yesterday.

"Former Bundists are rallying throughout the United States under the constitutional rights of our American democracy to defend the German war criminals as 'poor innocent people,'" the committee asserted.

Lists of Nazis in the United States, found by the American Army in German archives, must be published to create "the prerequisite for rendering these elements harmless."

The committee will sponsor a Conference to stop Bundist Activities on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. at the headquarters of the AFL Hotel and Club Employes, 701 Eighth Ave. Speakers include Albert E. Kahn, co-author of The Great Conspiracy; William E. Dodd, son of the late U. S. Ambassador to Germany; Gerhardt Eisler, co-author of The Lesson of Germany, and Gustav Faber, secretary of the committee.

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### Philadelphia

STOP! ONLY 5 DAYS to the Lenin Memorial Meeting. All out to the rally to celebrate Labor's strike victories; to unite against the trusts; to fight price rises. The Met. Broad & Poplar Sts. Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 8 p.m. Look! On the speaker's program—Wm. Z. Foster, Ben Davis Jr., Phil Bart. Listen! Hear Richard Dyer-Bennet, America's leading ballad singer; James Lapley, star of Show Boat, baritone of Phila. Negro Opera Co.

HEAR WILLIAM B. GAIMOS, New Century Club Auditorium, 124 S. 12 St., Sunday, Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m. Sub. \$6. The Forum of the Philadelphia School.

# 3,000 March at Peoria Funeral

By Federated Press

**PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 20.**—More than 3,000 people crowded into Peoria's state armory to pay tribute to two labor martyrs who were shot in the back by armed thugs of George P. McNear's Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad Feb. 6, and to vow that those responsible for the cold-blooded murders should not go unpunished.

Union delegations attended the meeting from all over the midwest, making the memorial one of the largest gatherings in Peoria labor history. A dramatic eulogy for the two murdered men, Irwin Paschon and Arthur Browne, was read by Garland Brown, personal friend of both the victims and chairman of the strike strategy committee.

"No matter how busy they were," he said, "they always had time to help their fellow workers. No matter how tired they were, they always had time to help the needy. No matter how weary they were, they always found time to listen to those who were saddened and through their efforts endeavored to make life easier and pleasanter for all humanity."

Most speakers stressed that McNear, as much as the men he hired to pull the trigger, was guilty of murder. Paschon and Browne were killed when 16 TP&W guards fired from an armored train into a crowd of pickets at a railroad crossing near Gridley, Ill.

"I thought we had wiped out all the dictators," Vice-President John Rippon, of District 12,

Commerce; National AFL Representative Peter McGavin, Vice-President J. W. Sylvester, of the (AFL), and Catholic and Jewish Brotherhood of Railway Clerks clergymen.

United Mine Workers (AFL), told the meeting, "but it seems to me there is still a dictator loose somewhere in this neighborhood. The sooner he is penned up, the better."

"It is not so much the fault of the men who did the actual shooting as of the man who put the guns in their hands," Hans Spading, president of Local 105, United Farm Equipment Workers (CIO), said, demanding Federal operation of the road, which has been idle since 13 railroad unions went on strike last Oct. 1.

Other speakers at the joint AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhood rally were President Reuben Soderstrom, of the Illinois Federation of Labor; Mayor Carl O. Triebel, Chairman John Cassidy, of the Association of

## Hitler Topped Looters, War Crimes Trial Told

**NUERNBERG, Feb. 20 (UP).**—Adolf Hitler in person was the first Nazi looter, when he stole tapestries from the famous Castle Hradany in Prague the night Czechoslovakia was invaded, the Soviet war crimes prosecution charged today. Then looting grew to such a scale that Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering trained "a whole army of plunderers" to strip the Soviet Union.

Leo Romanovich Sheinin, an assistant Russian prosecutor, described the thorough plundering which went on in occupied eastern European countries. Quoting from the war criminals' indictment, he said that the Germans caused an estimated 679,000,000 rubles damage in the Soviet Union (about \$135,800,000,000).

From that time, the looting went on until the Red Army drove the Germans out, Sheinin went on to say. They stole Czech raw materials, river steamers, railroad rolling stock, furniture, pictures, statues and tapestries.

Similar plundering took place in Poland, Yugoslavia and Greece, Sheinin charged.

He said that in the Soviet Union Goering's "army" of plunderers included economic inspectors, economic commanders over group detachments which had special technical battalions, and intelligence subdivisions.

### Britain to Weigh Ban on Anders' Army

**LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).**—Victory F. W. Cavendish-Bentinck, Britain's ambassador to Poland, has been instructed to take up with the Polish government Britain's reply to a Polish note demanding the disbanding of Polish forces in Europe, reliable sources said today. The Poles involved are those in groups formerly controlled by the London Polish government.

### Yugoslav Fete in N. Y. To Hear Sen. Taylor

Senator Glen H. Taylor will speak at the Metropolitan Opera House celebration of Yugoslav Independence Day, March 26, at 8 p. m., it was announced by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

The musical program, arranged by Lawrence Tibbett, will include opera and concert artists.

### Jews Hit Nazi Palestine Labor

**JERUSALEM, Feb. 20 (UP).**—The Jewish Federation of Labor today cabled a protest to the British Labor Party against the impending employment of German labor corps in Palestine.

The message expressed fear that the Nazis will influence the Arabs and said Jewish workers will refuse to work with Germans.

A Jewish armed group today dynamited a RAF radar station atop Mt. Carmel, south of Haifa, in a renewed attempt to blind the British coastal watch against illegal immigration.

Two RAF non-commissioned officers were seriously injured and six British aircraftmen less seriously hurt in the explosion. The radar station, which kept a day and night watch for smugglers' ships along the coast, was heavily damaged.

"We do not tolerate the use of latest scientific inventions against Jewish immigration to Palestine," said the clandestine radio, "Voice of Israel," outlet of the Jewish resistance movement, in announcing the attack.

**New Allied Curb On Japanese Courts**

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (UP).—A Supreme Allied Headquarters directive today gave occupational authorities the right to review sentences imposed by Japanese courts upon Koreans and citizens of other countries formerly dominated by the Japanese.

The directive followed by 24 hours a decree which deprived Japanese courts of all criminal jurisdiction over United Nations nationals.

### Mead Wants Surplus Used to House Vets

Senator James M. Mead of New York yesterday urged that all surplus housing facilities of the Army and Navy be immediately thrown into use for ex-GIs as homes, schools and hospitals.

Commerce; National AFL Representative Peter McGavin, Vice-President J. W. Sylvester, of the (AFL), and Catholic and Jewish Brotherhood of Railway Clerks clergymen.

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# In This Corner

The Very Sad Story Of Lew Jenkins

Bill Mardo

BALTIMORE, Feb. 20 (UP).—Lew Jenkins, former world lightweight champion, went back into the Army today for his second hitch. Jenkins reenlisted for three years.

Poor Lew! What a way to wind up! Lew Jenkins. Remember him? Remember the scrawny scrapper from Sweetwater, Texas, who stormed into New York with his Katie some eight years ago? Who'll ever forget the angular-jawed kid with toothpick arms and washboard ribs . . . a colorful clouter who sledgehammered his way to the lightweight title.

Some people thought Lew blew his top, the way he carried on after copping the crown. Mad motorcycle jaunts all over the country, nightclub brawls, neglecting the gym. But Lew Jenkins wasn't crazy . . . just overwhelmed by the sudden success his flying fists brought him after years of honky-tonk fights for peanut purses.

Yes, it seemed like one of those sad out-of-typical stories of the ring, as Lew's wild carousing greased the skids under him and sent him down theistic ladder even faster than he'd come up. The curly-haired drawling Texan suddenly seemed to lose his punch, and it wasn't long before he was on the way out of New York, it wasn't long before a lot of guys named Joe began to belt him around.

The months crept into a year, and occasionally you'd come across a tiny item buried in the cellar of the sports pages noting that ex-lightweight champ Lew Jenkins dropped a decision in Oakland . . . Sacramento . . . St. Louis. And then came the rumors that always trail a former title-holder as he starts getting the works. Punchy as a loon, they said. On his heels. Soon the tiny news items disappeared . . . and soon the wise money on 49th St. became too busy to even peddle the rumors.

And then one summer day in 1944, you come across a feature dispatch penned by a correspondent aboard a Coast Guard LST off the coast of France. It warms you right down to the toes as the writer interviews Coxswain Lew Jenkins. And you discover that the so-called punchy pug who disappeared from sight had enlisted into the Coast Guard—had delivered men and materials to Sicily and Salerno and Burma . . . and a place called Normandy, "where on D-Day and for six weeks afterward a guy named Lew Jenkins in a small boat was up and down the beaches in the middle of it all, and won himself a British citation."

Discharged a few months ago, Lew Jenkins went back to the one trade he knew. But it was no go. Not at 30. Jimmy Doyle and a few other welters handed him his lumps and suddenly Lew Jenkins found himself alone, lonely and broke.

And I suppose the lean-chested Texan with the hungry face began to wonder how he could get his three squares a day and a roof over his head. How he could get it without suffering the physical anguish and humiliation of having his head knocked off by some young ringmen with ambition in their punches and youth in their legs.

So yesterday, once again in the cellar of the sports pages, was printed another and perhaps the last news item about Lew Jenkins.

"BALTIMORE, Feb. 20 (UP).—Lew Jenkins, former world lightweight champion, went back into the Army today for his second hitch."

Sure, there's a political moral in this story and you can easily enough apply it without any help from us.

But for the moment, all I care to say is:

Poor Lew! What a way to wind up!

## HERMANSKI SIGNS UP

SANFORD, Fla., Feb. 20 (UP).—Gene Hermanski, who is making a strong bid to win a regular outfield berth with the Brooklyn Dodgers, signed his 1946 contract today, bringing to 24 the number of players now in the field. His heavy hitting has featured practice games here this Spring.

Hermanski, who appeared in 18 games with the Dodgers late in the 1945 season before joining the Coast Guard, is bidding for the right field post usually occupied by Dixie Walker.

Manager Leo Durocher was not present to observe today's routine drill. He remained in his hotel room at Daytona Beach to prepare the lecture he is scheduled to deliver tomorrow before an audience of minor league managers, scouts, coaches and players.

LAKELAND, Fla., Feb. 20 (UP).—Pitchers Hal Newhouser and Al Benton were definitely noted as holdouts today as the world champion Detroit Tigers officially



LEW JENKINS

opened their Spring training program with a squad of 40 men.

Newhouser, 25-game winner in 1945 who reportedly is demanding \$40,000 this season, failed to appear at the ball park. Benton was in uniform but when manager O'Neill discovered he also was unsigned he promptly ordered Benton to leave.

Hank Greenberg, the bridegroom, also showed up late today.

CLEARWATER, Fla., Feb. 20 (UP).—Manager Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians arrived in camp late today and found a squad of 19 men already on hand, including the veteran Ray Mack, Buster Mills, Chubby Dean and Joe Krakowski.

When Boudreau arrived, the Indian squad was in the midst of a running session under coach George Sase. Sase ordered Robinson to take it easy before putting a strain on his weak leg.

# A Chat With Jackie Robinson

By GERTRUDE STOUGHTON  
(Staff Writer, Daily People's World)

LOS ANGELES.—Jackie Robinson, outstanding college football player and first Negro to break through the Jimerow tradition of major league baseball, believes that athletics and Army experience are doing much to build up interracial harmony, and will do more. The slim ballplayer speaks readily of experiences which back up his position.

"I guess the ice is broken in baseball," he told The People's World. "Since I was signed up by the Brooklyn Dodgers, two more colored players have been signed, John Wright and Roy Partlow. And I think there will be at least a couple more this year." (The signing of Roy Partlow hasn't been officially confirmed by the Dodger organization yet—although Partlow's signing has been widely rumored for two months now.—Ed. Note.)

Robinson has just come back from a 23-game baseball barnstorming tour of Venezuela, where the color line is thoroughly ignored, he said. Being signed up by the Montreal farm club of the Dodgers, his first appearance will probably be in Canada, where prejudice is less virulent than in the United States. But Robinson will first go into training March 1 at Daytona Beach, Florida, where he hopes that interracial baseball will help outlaw prejudice against minority groups.

His favorite recreation is golf—a field in which social and racial distinctions are still hard and fast. Negroes are not admitted to most of the country clubs that produce the champion golf-players, but there are all-Negro golf clubs.

"I used to play golf with Joe Louis at the Fort Riley cavalry post in the army," Robinson said. "Joe and I both find something very interesting about the game. You make a good shot once—and then you can't rest until you make it again."

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He has high praise for Carleton

Moss' documentary film, *The Negro Soldier*.

"It showed a lot of people the kind of work we really did," he says.

Robinson feels people must keep a sharp eye on the progress of Fair Employment Practices legislation. "I notice they have an FEPC law in New York State and in New York City," he said. "I believe it will go through here, and eventually in every state in the union. I am sure it's the coming thing."

Asked what his plans were for the time when his baseball days are over, Robinson had them all figured out—and they carried forward his idea that sports could be used to create friendly relations between races.

"I'd like to be the leader of a boys' club," he said. "I've often wanted to see that Negro boys got a chance to belong to a good athletic club. But I wouldn't limit it to Negro boys. It would be for all the kids in the neighborhood."

Robinson this week received an award as the outstanding Negro baseball player of the year at the first annual athletic award dinner sponsored by the Pittsburgh Courier. He was married Feb. 10 to Miss Rachel Isum, graduate of California at Los Angeles.

WABC—Kostelanetz Orchestra; Perry Como, Songs

WMCA—News; Labor Arbitration

WQXR—Worldwide News Review

9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories

WQXR—Great Names

9:30-WEAF—Jack Haley Show

WOR—Treasure Hour of Song

WJZ—Detect and Collect—Quiz

WABC—Hooby Lobby

WQXR—Cavalcade of Music

9:45-WJZ—Chester Morrison—Stories

10:00-WEAF—Abbott and Costello

WOR—You Make the News

WJZ—Curtain Time

WABC—Island Venture

WMCA—News; Music

WQXR—News; Record Album

10:30-WEAF—Rudy Vallee Show

WOR—The Symphonette

WJZ—Herc's Morgan

WABC—Power Box Theater

WMCA—Frank Kingdom

WQXR—Talk—Algeron D. Black

10:45-WJZ—George McCoy, Interviews

WMCA—Musical Encores

WQXR—The Music Box

11:00-WEAF—News; Music

WOR—News; Dance Music

WJZ, WABC—News; Music

WQXR—News; Symphonic Hour

11:30-WEAF—The Story of Music

12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music

WOR, WABC, WMCA—News; Music

WQXR—News Reports

## RADIO

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show	WVFB—1230 KHz.
WOR—Breakfast With Brennan	WNED—1120 KHz.
WABC—Amandas—Sketch	WLIR—1150 KHz.
WMCA—News; Music Box	WHN—1200 KHz.
WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News	WUV—1220 KHz.
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test—Quiz	WINT—1200 KHz.
WABC—Second Husband—Sketch	WQXR—1220 KHz.
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch	
WOR—Morning Matinee	
WABC—A Woman's Life—Sketch	
WMCA—News Reports	
WQXR—Concert Music	
11:45-WEAF—David Harum	
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindahl	
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk	
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories	
WMCA—This Woman's World	

## NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:30-WEAF—Don Goddard, News	WABC—News; Concert Music
WOR—News; Hyams You Love	WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—Glamour Manor	WJZ—Kinnar's News Corner
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat	WABC—World News
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WMCA—News; Talk
12:45-WEAF—Talk—Maggie McNeills	WQXR—News; Music to Remember
WABC—Big Sister	12:45-WOR—Man on the Street
13:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet	WZ—Herc's Morgan
WOR—News; The Answer Man	WABC—Patti Clayton, Songs
WJZ—News; Woman's Exchange	12:45-WOR—Dinner Music
WABC—Lester Orchesira	12:45-WOR—Front-Page Farrell
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch	WOR—Adventure of Tom Mix
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy	WJZ—Tennessee Jed
13:45-WEAF—Maggie McNeills	WABC—Starvation and the Hawk
WOR—John J. Anthony	WQXR—News; About Town
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch	
WMCA—Studio Orchestra	

## 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:30-WEAF—The Guiding Light	WABC—Sports—Bill Stern
WOR—Easy Aces—Sketch	WOR—Sports—Sam Lomax
WJZ—John R. Kennedy	WJZ—Cat Tinney
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton	WABC—The World Today—News
WQXR—News; Music	7:30-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety
1:15-WEAF—Today's Children—Sketch	WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WOR—Nonogram, Record Man	WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WJZ—Ethel and Albert	WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News
WABC—Ferry Mason—Sketch	7:15-WEAF—News; The World of
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy	WOR—The Answer Man
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News	WABC—Raymond Swing
WOR—John J. Anthony	WMCA—Jack Smith Show
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch	WQXR—Five-Star Final
WMCA—Studio Orchestra	WQXR—Encore Music
2:15-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch	7:30-WEAF—Bob Burns, Comedy
WABC—Tues and Tues	WOR—Arthur Hale
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America	WABC—Professor Quis
WOR—Martha Drane Program	WABC—Mr. Keen—Play
WJZ—Al Pearce Show	WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WABC—Time to Remember	WQXR—Spotlight Music
WQXR—News; Request Music	7:45-WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins	WABC—Talk—Rep. Clare Booth Luce of Connecticut
WABC—This Is New York	WOR—Burns and Allen, Comedy
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young	WJZ—Johannes Steel
WOR—John Gambling,	

## Intellectuals and the French Renaissance

## Communists 24 Hours a Day

(This is the second of a series of sections from the report on "Intellectuals and the French Renaissance" delivered at the 10th National Congress of the French Communist Party, June 26-30, 1945. The report was given by Roger Garaudy, member of the Central Committee of the French C.P.)

By ROGER GARAUDY

REPRESSEMENT and underground war have cleansed many of our intellectuals of their aloofness, abstraction and individualism.

The people gave without stint in order to preserve the very purpose of life and the culture and liberty of France.

Swept along by the example of the working class, which paid for the cause of liberation with the greatest blood-tribute and sacrifices, the best of our intellectuals have participated in the struggle. Many fell. The places of men like Perl, Politzer, and Solomon remain unfilled. While we bow to their memory, I would like us to invoke the example of their life as much as that of their death. In their death they served their Party and France as citizens. In their life they served their Party and France with the means that were their own as intellectuals.

I insist upon this point: the Party expects its intellectuals to be militants, not only when they come to the meetings of clubs and to demonstrations; not only militants on Sundays and Tuesdays, but militants in their every-day life, in their intellectual work.

The first duty of a Communist mathematician is to be a good mathematician.

The first duty of a Communist engineer is to be a good engineer.

The first duty of a Communist artist is to be a great artist.

The first duty of a Communist historian is to be a good historian.

What does this mean?

This means that the conception of life which our Party gives us broadens our professional horizon; that it permits us to pose our problems better, to place them in a whole, larger than our specialty, and consequently to solve them better, that is to say, with all our humanity and not from an abstract point of view.

The Communists' conception of life, dialectical materialism, is the fountainhead of all spiritual greatness.

## Theatre

### Thin Fare With Flavor



A scene from the Swiss film "Marie-Louise" which starts today (Thursday) at the Irving Place Theatre. The second attraction is "The Russian Story."

cessfully overcomes this handicap by rounding out his characterization in a charming performance. Dore Merande, Arthur Hunnicut, Roy Pant, and Claire Woodbury, all give excellent characterizations. The others in the cast, while good, do not succeed as well in overcoming the difficulties the play presents.

JOHN REINER.

### New Soviet Comedy Premiere Feb. 22

*Four Hearts*, new Soviet film comedy, will have its American premiere at the Stanley Theater on Friday, Feb. 22, at 9 p.m. under the auspices of the Manhattan Division of Russian Relief.

The first light comedy to be sent to the United States from the Soviet Union since the war, *Four Hearts* stars Valentina Serova and Ludmilla Tselikovskaya, two of the best known Soviet actresses.

Funds derived from the special Red Army-Month performance, for which the movie management is donating use of the theatre, will help send medical supplies to families of Red Army men.

Walter Huston as Sam Stover succeeds in his role as a simple Indiana farming man.

**HUMOR AND CHARM.**

The play has humor and charm. The authors, Kenyon Nicholson and Charles Robinson, have captured the flavor of simple Indiana farming people. But the absence of conflict in the play robs it of theatricality. Sam Stover never gets to propose to Lily until the final scene—the most absorbing one of the evening. Up until that point the plot is merely a variation on one theme—there is no fool like an old fool. Consequently the characters moving in one line appear flat and without dimension.

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ALL this may seem abstract. Here are a few examples of what we have noticed.

There are in our Party a few professors of history. They are excellent comrades; they attend their club or section meetings; they do all that is asked of them. They are fundamentally Communists. But they forget this quality when performing the duties of their professional calling; their courses sound like the ones taught by their colleagues; they are as alike as twin brothers. Marxism controls their gestures, but not their thoughts. For an intellectual this thing has its importance however. In asking them to be Marxists in their teaching, the Party does not request them to indulge in partisan history, but in scientific history. It would be very much of a scandal that while he adheres to Communism, whose founder is the initiator of scientific history, a historian should continue his idealistic and unscientific teaching. This is why we say that for a historian to be a Communist means first of all to be a good historian.

With the artists we notice the same state of affairs. We know some of the greatest painters, who, at the time of underground activity and liberation, left their brushes to grab a tommygun. With the tommygun they placed themselves at the people's disposal. But when they took up their brushes again they resumed painting for a narrow circle of snobs and decadents.

I do not suggest that a man is a great painter because he paints a barricade or Thorez' portrait, but I maintain that a great Communist painter, a man who has proved that he can be activated by the same urge as are the people, must be able to use his talent to express that passionate urge.

That is the problem.

Our intellectuals have learned how to serve the Party as citizens. They have not yet learned to serve it as intellectuals.

When the foe was obvious in his green uniform, they found a means of fighting very courageously. Today the enemy is more difficult to detect; and then also, it is no longer just a question of fighting, they must create.

Our writers knew how to fight against the Boche and against Pétain. But nowadays the continuation of this struggle for freedom consists not only in claiming the right to publish anything whatsoever. This right which has been won over the opposition of the Commandants and Vichy's censorship is something more positive. I refer to the creation of new thoughts and new dreams for a France busy renovating herself and being reborn.

(Continued Tomorrow)

### First Catalogue Of USSR Music Publications

The first catalogue of Soviet music publications available in the United States has been issued by the Music Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship Dr. Serge Koussevitzky, chairman.

The catalogue, representing such works that were published in the USSR and composed since 1917, was compiled under the direction of Miss Dorothy Lawton, retired music librarian of the New York Public Library and former chairman of the Music Committee's Research Division.

Thirty-three libraries contributed their lists which make up the 71-page compilation.

Copies are available to libraries upon request from the present chairman of the Committee, Dr. Margaret Grant, at its headquarters, 114 E 32 St., New York 16, N.Y.

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Vladimir Zeldin and Marina Ladynina in a scene from "They Met in Moscow" which opens Thursday at the Apollo 42d St.

### Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois Discusses Africa

The future of the African colonies will be the subject discussed by Dr. W. E. Du Bois, guest lecturer at the George Washington Carver School, 57 W. 125 St. tonight (Thursday, 7 p.m.).

The Carver School lecture series will continue as a weekly feature. Lecturers for the following two weeks will be Dr. H. A. Wieschhoff, chairman of the Committee on African Studies, University of Pennsylvania, and Capt. Herbert Aptheker, just discharged from the armed forces, author of a series on the history of the Negro in the United States.

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# Brass Likes Fascism, Ex-General Warns

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge (retired) today told the House Military Committee that compulsory military training would be "undemocratic and un-American" and would be "a stepping stone to World War Three." he said, "would expose the nation's youth to the totalitarian view—Compulsory military training."

points prevalent in the Army." The General, retired in 1944 because of injury, castigated the undemocratic setup in the Army, saying:

"The Army's most prominent

characteristic is a medieval caste system which sets up insurmountable barriers between the officer aristocracy and the enlisted men. It teaches blind obedience of an aristocratic ruling class. It is un-

democratic and un-American." He also pointed out that compulsory training would "breed international ill-will and be a stepping stone to World War Three."

## Freeport Jury Asks to Hear Fergusons' Lawyer

Special to the Daily Worker

MINEOLA, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The Nassau County Grand Jury is scheduled to continue hearing testimony at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Thursday) on the Freeport police slaying of two Ferguson brothers. Invited to appear before the jury is

### Tugman Warns of Ryan Jokers in Contract

Joe (King) Ryan, life-long boss of the International Longshoremen's Union, would be granted.

Now that the Longshore contract is being negotiated and the tugboatmen's demands will be arbitrated next week, I would like to sound a warning to the longshoremen as well as the tugboatmen about the jokers Ryan smuggles into contracts, leaving the men unprotected against discrimination and firing.

Prior to going into the jury room, Richard Ferguson said his dead brothers, Charles, an Air Corps private and Alfonso, a war veteran, had made no threats, as far as he knew, against Pilotman Joseph Romeika, who shot them.

Romeika and Gus Scholakis, a lunch stand proprietor, charged the brothers were "disorderly" and "threatening." The cop said Charles Ferguson pretended to be armed. But Richard said Romeika deliberately kicked Charles in the groin, shot him and then fired on the others.

More than a dozen Ferguson case witnesses were heard by the grand jury in an all-day session Tuesday in the new Nassau County Courthouse. Among these were Romeika, Scholakis, Freeport Police Chief, Peter Elar, Freeport Mayor Cyril Ryan and two white women who were in the lunchroom when the four brothers were refused service.

District Attorney James N. Gehrig indicated Faulkner may be the last witness. Faulkner was not in his New York office today. His secretary said he was out of town and did not know Gehrig sought his appearance in Mineola tomorrow. She said she would seek to reach Faulkner.

A meeting protesting the killings is scheduled in Odd Fellows Hall, South Franklin St., Hempstead, tomorrow (Thursday) night, with New York City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis as main speaker.

Throughout Nassau County a strong Ku Klux Klan spirit is being whipped up in official circles in support of Romeika.

### Report Progress in UAW-GM Talks

DETROIT, Feb. 20 (UP).—A federal labor mediator reported tonight that General Motors Corp. and the CIO United Auto Workers Union have made "substantial progress" toward a settlement of the 92-day-old GM strike.

James F. Dewey, the personal representative of Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach, said the two groups had scheduled an all-day session tomorrow, beginning at 10 a.m., and try to wind up their negotiations, which would send 175,000 strikers back to their jobs.

Asked about the range of the talks, Dewey replied, "We discussed everything, including wages."

### Phone Union Leaders Ask Parleys

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 20 (UP).—The National Federation of Telephone Workers (Ind.) pledged itself today to hold conciliation conferences with Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach and officials of the American Telephone & Telegraph before calling a nation-wide telephone strike.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the Federation, whose executive committee has been authorized by 250,000 affiliated workers to call a strike, said he had urged Schwellenbach to intervene.

Beirne said the Federation was "willing to meet the company more than half way to avert a strike."

### U.S. Expose Not News to Argentines

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 20 (UP).—The four-party Democratic Union said last night that the U. S. Blue Book charging Argentine military government members with collaborating with Nazi Germany had told the Argentine people little that they did not already know.

A communiqué issued by the executive committee of the union—comprising Radical, Socialist, Communist and Democratic Progressive parties—indicated dissatisfaction with the series of four communiqués of refutation issued thus far by Foreign Minister Juan I. Cooke.

It was up to President Edelmiro J. Farrell to clear up the situation, the committee said, adding, "This is what our people asks, and what America needs for the tranquility of its people."

### Dairy Workers Strike in Detroit Area

DETROIT, Feb. 20 (UP).—A wildcat strike was begun today by 1,250 CIO United Dairy workers.

Settlement efforts by Federal and State mediators were complicated by insistence of two of the struck dairies that the strikers return before negotiations resume.

### Pope Hands Out Red Birettas

Pope Pius yesterday placed the small, square, scarlet birettas on the heads of 29 new cardinals, and took the occasion indirectly to criticize the Soviet Union's demands that anti-Soviet refugees be repatriated.

He also inveighed against "modern imperialist empires," counterposing the Catholic Church's "supernationalism." He denied that the Church itself constitutes a "gigantic world empire."

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### No Negro Professors In N.Y. State Schools

Not a single Negro holds a professorship in any private college or university in New York City, Dr. Dan Dodson, head of the Mayor's Committee on Unity, told the United Parents Association last night at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

Speaking as a "citizen" on the relation of college quotas to the need for a State University, Dodson hit out against the "Ivy league" schools which discriminate against minority groups.

At the same time he described as "incongruous" the argument that a non-discriminating State University would become a "ghetto" school.

"Is a university that accepts people on the basis of their abilities, irrespective of race, creed or color a 'ghetto' university, while one which excludes those of given

races, creeds or colors, irrespective of their abilities, a democratic one?" he asked.

The exclusion of Negroes from private college faculties is carried on at the same time these schools are trying to understand social processes and are admitting increasingly large numbers of Negro students, he said. He added that "it is also doubtful if there are any Negro secretaries to any of the faculty."

Dodson also hit out at the lack of educational facilities for thousands of New York State veterans.

### Authorize Insurance Strike

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CLEVELAND, Feb. 20.—The CIO United Office and Professional Workers convention here today authorized its insurance division to call a strike against the Metropolitan and Prudential companies to win a \$10 weekly increase.

The convention also approved demands for a \$200 monthly minimum for social service professionals and \$30 weekly for clerical workers in that division.

Resolutions charged that big business is trying to dominate the world and destroy democracy. The white collar union called on President Truman to adhere to Big Three unity as the basis for lasting peace,

and asked him to replace State Department reactionaries with men from the ranks of, or sympathetic to labor. It urged support for democracy in Spain, Greece and China.

President Lewis Merrill asked the meeting to reduce his salary from \$7,800 to \$5,200, and the convention approved.

After hearing Dr. Melber Phillips, Brooklyn College physicist representing the Federation of American Scientists, the body favored civilian control of atomic energy.

Veterans Robert Goodman and James Whitehouse described what they saw "over there" and urged action for a lasting peace, and aid to the partisans still fighting for democracy in Europe.

### CIO PICKETS LUCKY STRIKE PROGRAM

HOLLYWOOD.—Jack Benny's Crosley rating dropped considerably as a result of the picket line which more than 350 CIO members threw around NBC studios in Hollywood which broadcasted Benny's coast to coast Lucky Strike program.

Carrying banners reading "I Can't Stand Jack Benny Because Lucky Strike Is His Sponsor," and "LSMFT—Lucky Strike means FINK tobacco," the workers tied up traffic on one of the world's busiest corners, Sunset Boulevard and Vine St., outside the Jack Benny show.

The demonstration was held to protest the refusal of the American Tobacco Co. to negotiate the demands of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union for a 65-cent minimum hourly wage, a 25-cent an hour increase and a no-discrimination clause in the contract. The Union represents 2,500 American Tobacco workers on strike at the Charleston, S. C., Trenton, N. J., and Philadelphia, Pa., plants.

Thousands of passersby, servicemen and Hollywood celebrities, heard appeals from blaring sound-trucks which told of the 19-week long strike of American Tobacco workers for a decent living. Many good-naturedly joined the picket line, while others who had waited for months to get tickets for the Jack Benny show, refused to enter the studio.

Manning the microphones to broadcast the story of the American Tobacco strike were veterans wearing service decorations and Averill Berman, West Coast radio commentator. Meanwhile, CIO unionists distributed handbills to the crowds filling the streets. Typical reaction to the protest demonstration came from John Anderson of Long Beach, Calif., who threw a package of Lucky Strikes into the gutter, saying, "That's to Jack Benny and Lucky Strike."